

Environment proof treatment for Electro-Luminescent (EL) element(s)

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Background: BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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The current invention relates to EL-element(s), which may including include a panel, tube, or strip, and which are arrangements <u>suitable</u> for consumer applications such as those involving a Shoe, Slide, Slipper, Sandal, Automobiles, Boat, Bus, Aircraft, Garden, Bag, Purse, House, Traffic Equipment, Building, Christmas, Seasonal, Bicycle, Tricycle, Toy, Moving Device, Skating, Jogging, Watch, Garment, Apparel, Clothing, Jeans, Box, Tool Box, Working Lamp, Furniture, Giftware, Headgear, Jewelry, Hair Accessories, Partyware, Sign Signs, Indoor lighting, Outdoor lighting,

Street Lamp, Guide lamp Lamp, Bridge lamp Lamp, Traffic Cone, New Jersey Deck, Fence, Mail Box, House Number Light, Window Sign, Wall Sign, Poster, Pathway, Stair, Curb, Line divider Divider for People, Evacuation light Light, Fishing Marker, Decoration Device for Safety, Advertisement, Promotion, Decorating, Point-Of-Purchase, Warning Light, Accent Light, Illumination light, Floor light, Delineator Guide Light, Evacuation light, Night light, Multiple Function_Light, or Portable light(s) Light(s) which can be found in the other market place with light means such L.E.D./Incandescent light bulb/ fluorescent tube, Neon Tube, HID lamp etc.

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15 current invention uses EL-elements having sufficient light brightness with low very power consumption described in the current inventor's a s variety of issued US patents including US 5,746,504, 5,980,060,5,722,760, 5,504,397, 5,475,574, 5,479,325, 5,570,946, 5,469,342, 5,570,945, 5,704,705, 5,611,621, 20 5,860,727, 5,865,523, 5,879,069, 5,572,817, 5,752,337,

5,794,366, 5,833,508, 5,688,038, 5,871,269, 5,720,651, 5,806,960, 5,947,980, 5,775,016, 5,566,384, 5,876,108, 5,836,671, 5,601,358, 5,754,064, 5,921,653, 5,667,394, 6,082,867, 6,170,958, 6,183,101, 6,171,117, 5,926,440, 6,158,868, 6,182,282, 6,179,431, 5,599,088, 5,213,616, 6,169,431, 6,280,053, 6,170,958, 6,168,282, 5,926,440, 5,683,164, 6,183,101, 6,123,616, 6,280,053, 5,926,440, 5,754,064, 5,879,069 and other issued patents owned by the current inventor.

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advantage advantages of The using electro-luminescent(EL) lighting elements in a variety of contexts are explained in several co-pending US patent applications including US patent application Ser. Nos. 08/305,294; 08/343,404; 08/343,915; 08/383,404; 15 08/421,647;08/432,707; 08/383,405; 08/409,925; 08/436,007; 08/489,160; 08/438,373; 08/444,064; 08/561,973; 08/498,258; 08/510,701;08/522,940; 08/614,001; 08/522,940; 08/712,484; 08/611,049; 20 08/734,872, which cover more uses for a n electro-luminescent (EL) element(s).

All-None of the listed inventions and conventional ean not make provide applications electro-luminescent elements that are fully environment-proof, which means that they can—not damage due to Ultra-Violet, o vercome Humilityultra-violet light, humidity, Moisture, Electric-Shortage moisture, and electrical short circuits, all of which can to cause the light lost loss of designed Hence, the co-pending filing parent functions. applications, which are directed to for weather-proof treatment which is treatments, offer substantial improvement for the over the prior art with respect to Moisture, Humility problems to said elements caused by moisture, humidity, and the like. The current invention to solve following Nevertheless, problems there is a need for additional improvements, including the following:

1. Sealed the The EL-elements may be sealed by a plastic resins resin process may selected by such as injection, pouring, or curing procedure by of a

conventional plastic resin material may selected from the group material from including PC, PP, PS, PE, PVC, PU, PET, POLY, Silicone, or any chemical resins, or particles, or liquid with proper procedure to make that enables the EL-element(s) been to be sealed inside to make provide environment-proof properties.

the Optical effects may be provided such as Reflective, Retro-Reflective, Random Reflective, Magnify Imageimage, Reduce Imageimage, Focus Arrangement, Total Reflective, Diffusion, Filter, and Radiation theory effects, and all technical which variations related to the material transparency, finesses of surface surfaces, angle of light beams traveling, Material Thickness, Material Colorcolor and so further may be utilized to make the electro-luminescent (EL) element(s) in of different geometric shape(s) ean have exhibit eye-catching effects for visual viewing.

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3. Further improvement <u>may be made in</u> the circuit technical for technology that provides desired functions may be in group combinations selected from such as fade in and out, chasing, sequential <u>flashing</u>, pair flashing, scan, pause, <u>and setting of</u> on and off <u>interval intervals</u> to meet market <u>requirement requirements</u>.

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4. Further, The the current invention may incorporated with incorporate other light means may selected from conventional commercially_available light source sources such as LED, HID, Bulb, Fluorescent, Cold-Cathode tube, Violet tube, Bulb Tube light, and LOD, to make the desired combination light to—meet market requirement requirements.

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5. The current invention also <u>can</u> create a workable sealing incorporating <u>with</u> the <u>co-pending</u> patents' concept to <u>use a of using center buss-wires as the electric-signal(s) delivery <u>means</u> with <u>super lowest low</u> electric-resistance to <u>deliver to as far as possible by</u> connect each electro-luminescent (EL) element electrode to one of the buss-wires. <u>The each Each</u> element's</u>

electrode <u>may be</u> connected with one of buss-wires, this can up to desired numbers and the number of element's electrodes to <u>and</u> buss-wires <u>may be varied according to</u> as market <u>requirement</u> requirements. The preferred and simple examples are as Fig 5 with all details discussion later.

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These improvements can let enable the electro-Luminescent (EL) element(s) to be sealed inside the plastic resin(s) by a pre-determined procedure incorporated the that takes into account optics theory with Desired desired transparency, Colorcolor material, surface Fineness fineness surface by polishing process, Shape of material for creating desired Image image effects, Thickness thickness of Material material to form the Image image result, Element(s) and geometric shapes with resulting in a variety of light emitting and traveling path paths so that can create desire desired light effects can be created for all devices with super environment-proof quality. Further more incorporated with Furthermore, a

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2nd light means will make can be added for more attractive light effects than to meet the consumer's expectation.

Basing Based on these (5) Major features and improvement improvements, the current invention solves the environment problem that has held-up widespread acceptance of electro-luminescent elements for the past two decades.

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Figure: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig 1: Disclosure the show a 1st embodiment which of electro-luminescent (EL) element(s) in a preferred twisted tube shape and sealed inside of the plastic resin(s) by injection procedure for footwear application.

Fig 2A: <u>Disclosure the illustrates a 2nd</u>
20 embodiment for the details including an arrangement to

seal twisted electro-luminescent (EL) elements inside the plastic Piece.

Fig 2B: Disclosure the illustrates a 3rd embodiment for details of including an arrangement to seal the plurality of flat shaped electro-luminescent (EL) elements inside the a plastic Piece piece with Optics optical properties on the Piece piece for making changing the light image changed.

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Fig 2C: Disclosure the illustrates a 4th of embodiment for including an arrangement to seal the flat strip of electro-luminescent (EL) element into a plastic Piece piece with a light emitting direction to thickness with loop follow the contour of the piece with variety of a number of optics ditch on the grooves to provide optical effects at proper locations.

Fig 2D: Disclosure the illustrates a 5th of

20 embodiment for including an arrangement to seal the one
electro-luminescent (EL) element, in geometric shape and

with the connection-area also sealed into the plastic Piece

piece only electric wires

exposed in the air.

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2E: Disclosure the illustrates a 6th Fig embodiment for including an arrangement to seal the plurality of electro-luminescent (EL) elements in the a enclosure which have has a desired fork-shaped pitch-distance of each lit-area and have one area having electrodes the a 1 1 the elements' tο connect with conductive-means to get electric signals.

Fig. 3. Disclosure the discloses a procedure for multiple procedures to seal for sealing the said element(s) inside the desired plastic resin(s) materials, further more the procedure included to add the including provision of a heat-transfer film which offer the simple procedure to add facilitates addition of the artwork, color, indicia, designs on the plastic Piece piece within seconds while apply the applying a 2nd injection process.

Fig 4A-4D: Disclosure the illustrates a preferred embodiment for the of an optics arrangement for the plastic Piece piece to make provide visual effects with and desired light effects including to use by controlling plastic material thickness, transparency properties of the plastic material, finesses plastic piece finesses, Convex or Concave design, Added addition of other material into Chemical materials of chemicals to get diffusion effects, as well as the addition of . It also disclosure the Silkscreen(s), Masking(s), Window(s), Stencil(s), Cut-Out(s), Opening(s) apply to sections of the Plastic plastic piece related to the corresponding to EL-element(s) lit-areas positioned to get desired effects.

Fig 4D: Disclosure illustrates the procedure for sealing procedures of the preferred embodiment for micro-injection applications which use a Pouring pouring process and not by an injection machine, as well as a . It also disclosure the Stitchingstitching-edge for a contour so that can easily be added on any application's surface.

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Fig 5: Disclosure the details application for illustrates an embodiment including electro-luminescent (EL) element(s) sealed inside a Plastic plastic Piece piece and the a method to connect with a plurality of number of such sealed Electro-luminescent (EL) element(s) into a desired length, loop, linear, configuration, path, or route by a variety of shaped connectors which make a desired linear arrangement.

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PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The <u>preferred</u> environment proof treatment for the geometric designs or shape of Electro-Luminescent element(s) <u>involves sealing</u> the said element(s) inside the plastic resin(s) by <u>an</u> injection process or the preferred and equivalent of method may <u>including the include</u> pouring, <u>or</u> hand-operation <u>of</u> such process to <u>get the said</u>

20 to properly EL-element(s) <u>been sealed properly</u>.

The plastic resin(s) or particle(s) are individual pieces and will become a single piece after the resin(s), particle(s) have been treated under certain at a predetermined temperature, pressure, heating, and timing though the with appropriate tooling. Well control the all All of these factors are controlled to meet be compatible with the electro-luminescent (EL)-element(s) properties ean to seal the said elements within the plastic piece with designed light brightness, appearance, and viewing effects, and to overcome the environment damage that may be caused by nature or the human forces including the damage due tohumility humidity, water, temperature, violet ray ultra-violet rays, impact strength, bending, deforming, pulling, broken, breaking, heat, stitching, and so on all reasons any other effects to that might cause the said element(s) lost its to lose their designed function(s), light output(s), brightness, and color(s).

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The preferred procedure for high efficiency and less labor is to accomplish the sealing by the using an injection machine to make this sealing. The tooling for

plastic injection may be designed to hold EL-elements well before injection and carry out one injection process to make nice and good sealing. This procedure and tooling design basing on the preferred purpose for different application and not discuss because easily to do from conventional market is not discussed in detail herein since it is conventional in a variety of applications. Properly controlling the injection timing, temperature, pressure and selected selecting the plastic resin(s) to match the EL-element(s) properties will make good injection to see enable the EL-elements to be visible within the plastic piece. Alternative way to prevent from loose of one-time injection, the injection procedure can become use multiple steps, for examples example to make provide the 1st injection piece with pre-designed groove(s), ditch(s), and/or Shallow Area(s) and install the geometric element(s) inside the groove(s), ditch(s), and/or shallow area(s) to make prior to the 2nd times injections—injection procedure to seal the EL-elements.

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Further—more, the injection procedure carried out a plurality of times to inject-by machine or human operation to make accomplish the a desired result such as Micro-Injection Application which use uses a predetermined tooling and use multiple different color resin(s), and liquid Chemical materials to inject into all the shallow areas(s), groove(s), and/or_ditch(s) so the procedures are more than two times injection method to accomplish a variety of effects beyond those that can be obtained with two-time injection. Basing the By selecting an appropriate liquid chemical(s) for the micro-injection procedure, so the sealing technical technique need not be limited for to the Plastic plastic resin(s), particle(s) but also means including all the but also may be used for different construction constructions of the plastic in solid or liquid forms. This have A variety choice of choices from the market place may be selected of, including PC, PP, PVC, PE, PS, Acrylic, PET, PU, Rubber, Silicone, which are refined from the oil procedure petroleum, or its a related material such as Rubber from trees, oil or hydrocarbons other than petroleum from

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ensider be considered to apply for this to the invention.

It also can be covered for The invention may also utilize Chemical or Plastic plastic resin(s), article(s), and liquid(s) other than those noted above to make the same material join materialsjoin together by its Chemical properties to form composite materials.

The each electro-luminescent EL-element(s) have its output-end(s) in the form of the area(s) including the a Common-electrode and desired positive electrode(s). The It is conventional for the negative or common electrode which preferred to be formed as the an ITO layer to make this common electrode. The conventional market preferred prefers to use Silver paste to make connection with different lit-area(s) phosphor to form the Positive electrode (Lit-area(s)'s electrodes). All these electrodes of the said element(s) can be connected with metal terminals, and a flexible Printed Circuit (FPC) by means including punch, contact, or conventional available method methods to build the signal(s) delivery means.

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Such connection points may be sealed inside the plastic Piece piece or outside the Plastic Piece piece basing on the depending on the different application so this may be described as that the electrical connections may be partial partially sealed or optional optionally selected to be sealed within or outside the plastic Piece. There have a lot of consideration basing are also many additional considerations base on different requirement requirements for different applications. The EL-element(s) also an can for example be pretreated as the pre-formed as a twisted EL panel tube light as corresponding to that described in the Applicant's co-pending filing, From Fig. (1), one can see that the twisted tube EL-element(s) are sealed inside plastic but this is but pre-twisted so as to allow the EL-element(s) ean to be sealed inside a an "L" shaped plastic Piece. As for Preferably, the Panel, Sheet, or Strips for "L" Shape bending, A preferred method is are arranged to let the light within-illuminate the Plastic plastic Piece on proper orientation, as shown in Fig 2C-. This can incorporated with other accomplished using

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optics theory to make light be visible with excellent result results as indicated in Fig 4A, Fig_4B, and Fig_4C.

The light effects of said element(s) can be make visual result while are achieved when proper sealed by the plastic piece from due to appropriate design and selection of the resin(s), particles(s), liquid(s)—with prefer designed, the Thickness thickness of the plastic material (Fig 4A, 4B, 4C), Fineness fineness of surface (not shown), Transparency of Material, Diffusion grade, Diffusion 10 material added (Fig 4C), other particle(s) added, Shape of the Plastic plastic piece, and as normal other normal light means treatment. Most important is that all sealing procedure procedures have to match the EL-element(s) properties, including the EL-element(s) deforming 15 phosphor properties, properties, temperature, ink lamination properties, tightness of lamination, minimum bending radius and all other factors which will cause must be taken into account to prevent the L-element(s) from been damaged by the sealing processes. The said visual 20 result which means including the light beams be seen with

parameters affected by the sealing processes may include image, size, brightness, clearance, color, direction-are different with the said element(s) not been sealed. Incorporated These effects may be combined with co-inventor's the inventor's earlier patented concept for positioned the said element(s) with front window(s), cut-out(s), and Silkscreen area(s). The current invention can also have all these treatments on the plastic surface to make desired light effects with indicia(s), Character(s), design(s), art-work(s) be lit for some advertisement purpose purposes. This can get from These treatments can be obtained using simple tooling designs (Fig.__3), masking (Fig 3), stencil, silkscreen printing (Fig._4B), and/or surface treatment of the plastic Piece's surface treatment from by conventional market technical techniques. Further more, the transfer ink film technique also can add on utilize the injection machine so can add as to modify the Plastic-Piece's surface with to have a desired appearance while use this using conventional technical techniques for simple masking procedure with to vary color, and design, and indicia. It also can add some

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metal—piece_pieces, metal powders, particles within the chemical's resin(s), particle(s), and/or_liquid(s) to—can also be added or mixed together and get some to provide diffusion objects inside the plastic piece so the light beam will be reflective to—in_all direction to directions and cause more splendid light effects for the viewer.

The incorporated other Additional light-means that may including the be incorporated include conventional available light means from such an LED, Bulb, Organic electro-Luminescent, Organic LED, and LOD which is powered by batteries, which can supply enough life time for the applications. While The additional light means may be sealed together with the said electro-luminescent element(s) will have to provide for other taste and visual effects.

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This is the big improvement for the environment of the element(s) and other light means for certain applications.

From Fig.1: Disclosure the In more detail, Fig. 1 shows twisted element(s) sealed inside Plastic-Piece piece (01). The twisted EL-element (011) has details description of may be the same as those described in co-pending filed on U.S. Patent Application Ser. Nos. 10/170,874, and 10/285,451, and 10/286,820. The twisted element(011) are twisted surround around the center central electric-wire(s)(012)—with, and the electrodes (not shown) of the element(s) are connected with center <u>central</u> electric-wire(s) (011) and outside electric-wire(s) (014) though desired method including through an appropriate connection method such as the use of Clamp-Terminal terminals (not shown) — which punched though through the EL-element(s) electrode(s) and hold held so can to allow a soldering process to be carried out. This i s one preferred method, alternative way can have the is to use a Flexible Printing Circuit (FPC), which are can use the Silver Paste to glue, curing with the electro-Luminescent element(s) electrode so can apply as to enable the soldering procedure to be

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carried out. It One can also can use a the Printing Conductive material such as Silver Paste only but it having a higher electric resistance for this arrangement. To build the Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the EL-element's electrode(s) with and the corresponding electric wire(s) have electrical connections may be constructed using a lot of alternative method from convention market which currently-available methods, and that the invention is not limited to this preferred embodiment discussion but still inside current invention coverage. From the As shown in Fig (1), the EL-element(s) electrode(s) are connected with electric wire(s) (012) (014) to build form the electric Signal(s) delivery means. This connection-area (013) with provides a durable electric connection and is sealed by shrink-tube hot-glue, silicone, epoxy, tape, or paper tape to hold all connection-area(s) well. The Connection-area (013) is the for <u>a</u> whole EL-element(s) application. especially for the waterproof requirement with respect to waterproofing requirements, so but the current invention solved solves this problem because this connection-area

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(013) is well sealed inside the Plastic-Piece piece well. From Fig. 2A, The the Plastic-Piece piece (021) is injected at an earlier time and with a grove groove (027) which to allow allows the twisted EL-element (024) to well install be installed well within the groove (027) because the groove (027) is a little smaller than the diameter of twisted EL-element (024) for diameter so that the twisted EL-element can fit into groove very tight tightly and prevent from the twisted EL-element (024) deform the shape from deforming or looseningand become the loosen construction. The EL-element (024) are is twisted surrounded around the center Buss-wires (023) which offer the carry electric-signal(s) with very low so can to supply expected electric-resistance electric-signals with sufficient power to turn on the brightness. The EL-element(s) for super Buss-wire(s) (025)are connected with EL-element electrode electrodes. It also have the The outside conductive-means (029) may also be connected with another EL-element other electrode so to build the electric-circuit-to-make to control additional light-with

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function(s). The Twisted EL-element (024) has emits light emitting in an outward direction to cover the 360 degree degrees so the light output as super value and thereby provide a neon light effect. After the The twisted EL-element (024) and its connection-area (028)—well are then installed and put into an injection machine to make the a 2nd injection to and allow the 2nd injected part (022) to join with the 1st injected part (021) without any gap, or hole so can have environment grade to provide a quality to environmental seal and prevent from the humility humidity, water, bending, and impact from causing damage to eause the EL-element or connection-area been damaged.

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From As illustrated in Fig 2B, The the 1st injected part (2B) have has two shallow areas (2B01) and (2B02) which allow accommodate the two piece of Flat flat EL-Elements—on the shallow areas.——The Each EL-element has its selected lit-areas——(2B04), (2B05), (2B06), (2B07), (2B08) which has the have a phosphor coated on these location thereon and which are

positioned with the 2nd injection part's related areas (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), which each area has the having a different optics lens design. such as For example, area (A) is a square raised lens positioned with over lower Star lit-areas, (B) is a raised shaped lens to positioned over lower AARON lit-areas, (C) is a rectangular raised lens positioned with over a lower FLOWER lit-area, (D) is a positioned with over a lower raised lens THUNDERBOLT lit-area, (E) is a cylinder cylindrical raised lens positioned over a lower ROUND lit-area. The injection piece with has certain location with window(s) positioned with over lower EL-element's lit-areas. This is described in the current inventor's early issued patents US5,572,817, US5,794,366, US5,752,337, US5,833,508-so we do not discuss here with details. The connection-area (2C) and (2D) is also install-installed on the shallow areas (2B02) and (2B01), and sealed by during the 2nd injection so all these most weak areas are also sealed and get well-good protection.

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From As shown in Fig 2C—, the 1st injection plastic-part (2C01) with teeth ditches has toothed areas to create desired light effect(s). The 2nd injection part (2C02) is has a smooth radius surface so can let people have comfortable wearing while this that the device can be comfortably worn when the device apply to the is applied to a sandal. The 1st injection part (2C01) has the groove for the EL-element in strip form (2C10) can easily install to facilitate installation. The EL-element (2C10) with emits light emit outward as AAROW outwardly to form the The preferred arrangement is word AARON as shown. make to cause the EL-element has the to have a loop to follow the contour of the injection plastic-piece with the wider shallow area (2C08) to-and allow the EL-element's connection-area (2C06) can Install well to be well installed. The two EL-element's electrodes (2C11) and (2C12) connected with outside conductive-means (2C05) are sealed well within the shallow area (2C08) so can be sealed after the 2nd injection is applied to the injection part.

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From Fig 2D, the 1st injected-part (2D01) have has a shallow area (2D07) to install the EL-element (2D03). The wider shallow area (-2D05) to install enables installation of the connection-area (2D06) including the EL-element's 4 electrodes, 4 soldered points, 4 outside conductive-means, which have are pre-sealed by shrink-tube. The 1st injected part (2D01) has the a geometric shape to allow the light emitting to be emitted outside with a desired viewing angle. Same as Similarly, the 2nd injected part (2D02) also has the optics designs.

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From As shown in Fig 2E, the 1st injected part (2E01) and 2nd injected part (2E02) with have a convex lens design to let the light image become bigger basing based on the optics theory. ——The 1st injected part (2E03)shallow-areas t o allow install (2E01)has installation of an EL-element which have the has a fork design with 3 lit-areas (2E06) (2E07) (2E08) with and a pitch-distance sufficient to make a special design and colors. The wider shallow-areas (2E04) (2E05) are allow the connection-area to fit well within the plastic-piece.

The Connection area connection areas have the 4 EL-element's electrodes (2E09), and 4 outside connective-means (2E10), and 4 soldered points (not shown), which are sealed within the shrink-tube (2E11). The flat EL-element does not have the center buss-wires which existing are used for the Twisted EL-element as of Fig (1) and Fig (2A).

From As shown in Fig 3, the 1st injected part (032) have has a plurality of number and pre-install 10 pre-installed EL-elements (033) into in the 1st injected part (032). The conductive-means (034) are outside the plastic-piece after the 2nd injection is done. The one One masking film is added before the 2nd injection. The film is heat-transfer film which can use the a predetermined 15 temperature, or pressure by machine operation to transfer the artwork, indicia, color, characters, design to the plastic-piece's surface. This will make the cause light transmitting, traveling plastic piece's will be much 20 having a very good appearance under this with a simple process. ——This embodiment also may incorporated

with the features described in the current inventor's Issued patent US 5,572,817, as above listed as discussed above. The cosmetic appearance of the surface of plastic-piece (032) cosmetic may also created by add be modified by adding the extra particles, resins, powders, ink, colors or equivalent material(s) to cause the light to transmit with visual change effects. The A simple method is add the extra materials inside the injection material input tank (037) after the well to be mixed with plastic-piece original materials.

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From As shown in Fig 4A, the plastic-part (4A) have has the two radius parts (4A01) and (4A01'). The plastic-part (4A) is sealed two sheets of EL-Elements (4A08) and (4A09), each of the EL element EL elements has having desired lit-areas including lit area (4A02) of EL-element (4A09). The lit-areas (4A06) and (4A07) are for EL-element (4A08). The each Each lit-area have is positioned with the relative to a certain window to get the desired light optics properties such as the lit-area (4A06) positioned with over window (4A03), which is a convex

lens. The lit-area (4A07) of flower flowers are positioned with respect to window (4A04), which is a convex and raised lens for magnify magnifying optics properties. The lit-area (4A02') is positioned with relative to the convex (4A01') for enhancing the whole EL-element's lit-area. From the Fig 4B show the shows a V-shaped EL-element (4B) which has a plurality of lit-areas (4B01), (4B02), (4B03), (4B04), (4B06) are positioned with respect to upper windows with having different treatment treatments including 2-shaped raised lens (4B10) related to the backlight (4B01). The star-shaped raised lens' window (4B09) is positioned with a lower lit-area (4B02). The flower shaped lens' window (4B08) is positioned with over the lower lit-area (4B03). The thunderbolt-shaped window (4B04) is positioned over a lower lit-area in the shape of a backlight design. The Silkscreen printed window (I) and (heart-shape) (U) of the plastic-piece may be include alternative treatment including treatments such as cut-outs, masking, stencil, heat-transfer art work, or a raised lens in front of the lower backlight function's backlight's lit-area.

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From the As shown in Fig 4C, the added particles, materials, and reflective pieces can let enable the light transmitting channel to change and make diffusion light effects. The Plastic-piece (4C) has an EL-element inside, which emits with light emitting to outward. The Plastic-piece has mixed the other particles, material or materials (4C02) to make change the inner light beams' pathway changed to make and create special light effects.

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From the As shown in Fig 4D, The the heart shape micro-injection piece pieces (4D) (4D') both have the windows to allow the light can to pass though from the areas (4D01) (4D02) (4D04) (4D05), (4D07). Each window has the a lit-area to positioned and with to provide different colors and different light effects as required. The Both Heart-Shaped Micro-Injection piece pieces are made by human labor to injected inject the a liquid material into the different groove grooves with some of areas (4D01) (4D02) (4D04) (4D05), (4D07) with light passing though. Both has the

<u>also have a stitching edge (4D03) and (4D06) for to enable stitching purpose</u> to any main <u>objects too object</u>.

From As shown the in Fig 5, The the EL-element (05A) is sealed inside the plastic-piece with two inner buss-wires having—incorporated with t w o the conductive-means (058+) and (058-) on both ends. The Pin-type conductive means (058+) and (058-) can easily to connected with <u>a</u> socket set's receptacles (059+) (059-)respectively. The electric-signal from the socket (058+) 10 though the buss-wire inside the plastic-piece to the end (059+) is the same electric signal just with except for tiny difference basing on differences resulting from the electric resistance by of the buss-wire material. No any big A large voltage, frequency, and current change are not required because the buss-wire have has sufficient amount of signals can to offer to a plurality of EL-elements to connect to a desired length. The 1st EL element (05A) till to the last EL element (051) will have .the same brightness because each of the EL-elements only drain from Buss-Wire because—since all less current

EL-elements are hook with connected to the buss-wire by a parallel connection as long as the Buss-wire can carry (Currents)—and—well—design—of—the signals enough specification, then, this will solve This solves the problem with the other ELAM — (Israel-US 5,485,355) 3D EL element of limited current carrier carrying capacity of its outer coil electric-pole. Even-The current related utility patent right patents inventor has US6-,270-,229 and US 6,082,867. Hence, The the use by the current invention use of the center buss-wire(s) to delivery the current (Signals) and the parallel connection of all EL-elements are in-parallel connected with the center buss-wire(s) can make a_big improvement for connected connecting an unlimited number of EL-elements to designed for a combined lighting arrangement having a desired length, configuration, loop, or linear path for indoor and outdoor lighting application is the and other purpose purposes.

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From As shown in Fig 5, The the Buss-wire(s) have conductive-means (058+) and (058-) expose exposed to

the air. The current carried from the conductive-means (058+) and (059-) traveled through the (05A)buss-wires of EL-element (05A) to the other end have ends having the conductive-means (059+) and (-059-). and frequency voltage, current, respectively. The measured at the two ends of EL-Element (05A) is are almost the same with limited tiny changes basing based on the buss-wire(s) internal electric-resistance. The outside conductive-means (059+) and (059-) are connected with Receptacle (S1) to be connected with EL-element's (05B) outside conductive-means (060+)a n d (060-)o f The electric signals EL-element (05B) respectively. traveled travel through the EL-element (05B) to the other conductive-means (066+)a n d (066-).The end's Measurement for the current voltage, frequency, current will keep almost the same from as signals are carried by the conductive means as this along the following simple path:

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 $(058+) \rightarrow (05A) \rightarrow (059+) \rightarrow (S1) \rightarrow (060+) \rightarrow (05B) \rightarrow (06$ 20 6+) \rightarrow (S2) \rightarrow (067+) \rightarrow (05C) \rightarrow (062+) \rightarrow (S3) \rightarrow (064+) \rightarrow (065+
) \rightarrow (068+) \rightarrow (069+) \rightarrow (070+) \rightarrow (071+) \rightarrow (072+) \rightarrow (073+) \rightarrow (0

73+)→(074+)→(076+)→(077+). This means the electric current with voltage, frequency, —and current amount by mini amperage do undergoes only tiny changed changes from the start point to the application end. This is a big improvement for the conventional Christmas light string, made of Israel (ELAM) EL wires. Same as The same is true for the negative current while along the above-listed travel path as above listed.

The EL-element within the individual unit, such as (05A), (05B), (05C), (05D), (05E), (05F), (05G), (05H), (05I), (05J), have the EL element (053) is twisted surrounded around the center buss-wires (052) and (052') incorporated and incorporate the preferred receptacle-means to become well construction device which can connect with outside signals ends or the other another device, and which can easily be constructed to have a desired length, configuration, shapes or shape for market—requirement,—requirements. The EL-element's electrode (055) is connected with buss-wire (054) by soldered_soldering_on terminals which are punched though

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through and clamp on the electrodes. The terminal is one of conductive means it can be any shape as long as it is conductive for electricity. The individual device which have has the EL-element with Plastic plastic sealing and receptacle-means can install for be installed in any application, such as a garden light, fish tank, balloon or other applications, or utilities. The receptacle-means can main purpose is to offer a receptacle to receive the EL-element's exploded exposed conductive-means, or to apply attach to offer a—attachment-means t o application or utility. The receptacle-means can have <u>a</u>plurality o f exposed multiple-ends to receive conductive means. It also EL-element's attachment-means on the at a certain location to offer install—enable installation on main-objects so ean as to allow the individual device to join-be joined with mian object a main-object for desired construction, and the device is serving as a light means with receptacle as base or as attachment-means.

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The EL-element's other electrode (056) is connected with a buss-wire (057) by soldered soldering. The buss-wires (052') and (052'') have two ends with electric wire electric wires outside the plastic skin. In order to make the a good arrangement, the buss wires (052') and (052'') may ask be provided by a wire factory offer as the wire with pre-cutted a pre-cut arrangement as (054'), and (057') so there is no any none of the risk for entailed by soldering work with on the EL-element electrode (055') and (056') without the shortage issues.

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From receptacle Receptacles (S1), (S2), (S3), (S4), (L1), (L2), (Y1), (X1) with may have desired designs and construction which as needed to meet the requirement to fit all kind kinds of linear curvature, curvilinear, loop, or path for universal to fit for in a variety application of applications. The receptacle should be may have all kinds of shape may similar with the Plumping, for compatibility with a Bulb tube light set etc. However, the The current invention offer offers an environment sealing process for EL-element(s) with durable quality to such as resistance

against the a bend, scratch, water, humility humidity, impact force, ultra-violet ray, pull, twist, press, or punch so can have good quality. The Receptacle shape may select selected from the "L", "S", "Y", "T", "X" type to allow the EL-elements in tube construction can to be assembled into any linear curvature requirement. These list listed shapes are preferred embodiments and do not the limitation limit the scope of the current invention.

Although preferred embodiments of the invention have been described in, details. It it will be appreciated that the scope of the invention is not to be limited to the described embodiments, but rather that the invention is to be interpreted in accordance with the appended claims.

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